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Substitute House Bill No. 6558

House of Representatives, April 10, 2001

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. DAVIS of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
REVITALIZATION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF STATE-ASSISTED
PUBLIC HOUSING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (a) There is established a task force to study the current
- 2 conditions of housing owned by local housing authorities or
- 3 developed by nonprofit corporations with financial assistance in the
- 4 form of grants or loans from the state, and to recommend appropriate
- 5 responses to such conditions. The task force shall evaluate methods
- 6 and costs associated with revitalizing state-assisted housing, including,
- 7 but not limited to, rehabilitation, demolition, reconfiguring, or the
- 8 provision of vouchers for use in the private market. The task force
- 9 shall also make recommendations concerning changes necessary to
- 10 accomplish such revitalization, including adjustments to income mix
- 11 requirements, requirements for replacement of demolished units, the
- 12 roles to be played by the state, local housing authorities and nonprofit

13 corporations, and additional powers for the Department of Economic
14 and Community Development to deal with nonperforming state-
15 assisted housing projects.

16 (b) (1) The task force shall consist of the following members:

17 (A) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
18 who shall be representatives of nonprofit housing developers;

19 (B) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
20 shall be representatives from two public housing authorities;

21 (C) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a state housing
23 coalition;

24 (D) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
25 a representative of low income and affordable housing advocates;

26 (E) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a fair housing
28 organization;

29 (F) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
30 a representative of a tenants' organization;

31 (G) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
32 or a designee; and

33 (H) The Executive Director of the Connecticut Housing Finance
34 Authority or a designee.

35 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the select committee
36 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
37 housing shall serve as ex officio members with full voting rights.

38 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than

39 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
40 filled by the appointing authority.

41 (d) The chairpersons of the select committee of the General
42 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing shall serve
43 as the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
44 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than
45 sixty days after the effective date of this section.

46 (e) The administrative staff of the select committee of the General
47 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing shall serve
48 as administrative staff of the task force.

49 (f) Not later than February 1, 2002, the task force shall submit a
50 report on its findings and recommendations to the select committee of
51 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
52 housing, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
53 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
54 submits such report or February 1, 2002, whichever is earlier.

55 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Potential Minimal Cost

Affected Agencies: Legislative Management and the Department of Economic and Community Development

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

To the extent that the members of the General Assembly are appointed to this task force, Legislative Management may incur a minimal cost. A total cost of less than \$2,000 may result from mileage reimbursement to legislators in traveling to and from task force meetings. Legislators are currently reimbursed 30 cents per mile. Considering that legislators may be traveling to the Capitol on other legislative business, any additional cost due to an increased number of reimbursed trips could be handled within the anticipated budgetary resources of the department. In addition, due to the increased responsibilities to the legislative administrative staff assigned to the task force, a reallocation of workload may result.

The Department of Economic and Community Development may incur a minimal additional cost due to participation on the task force, which can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

OLR Bill Analysis

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COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Housing

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 12 Nay 0

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17 Nay 0